

REMARKS

As presently amended the scope of the claims has been restricted. Claims 3,7,8,10 and 12-18 have been indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter (Office Action dated September 17, 2003). Claims 1,2, 4-6 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 112 second paragraph (Action of September 17, 2003) ; that rejection has previously been addressed.

The rejections of Claims 1, 5, 8 and 11 under Section 102(a) is believed addressed by the present amendment that excludes C₁₋₂₀ from the scope of R¹ and R².

Applicants believe the amendment places the application in condition for allowance

The earliest indication of allowability of all the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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